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SUBJ: ICCS INVITED TO VISIT HANOI

1. AMB KULAGA TOLD EMBOFFS DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON JANUARY 22 THAT THE DRV HAD INVITED ICCS TO VISIT HANOI. KULAGA SAID THAT THE ICCS HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO BEGIN JANUARY 29 AND TERMINATE ON THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY.

2. KULAGA SAID THAT THE FOUR DELEGATIONS HAD AGREED TO REQUEST AIR AMERICA PLANE WITH ICCS MARKINGS FOR THE HANOI VISIT. ICCS PROPOSED DEPART SAIGON 0800 JANUARY 29 AND FLY TO HUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOUR VISIT. TENTATIVE ARRIVAL TIME IN HANOI WAS SCHEDULED FOR 1230 OR 1330 THE SAME DAY. THE PLANCE WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO SAIGON LEAVING PASSENGERS IN HANOI, AND FLY BACK FEBRUARY 1 TO PICK UP THE PARTY.

3. ACCORDING TO KULAGA, EACH DELEGATION WOULD HAVE 4 REPRESENTATIVES, UNDER PRESENT PLANS. THE POLDEL FOR EXAMPLE WOULD INCLUDE THE AMB, THE DEPUTY TO THE AMBASSADOR (PRZYGODZKI), THE CHIEF OF THE MILITARY COMPONENT (GEN DZIPANOW), AND THE POLITICAL
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ADVISOR (WASCINSKI). AIR AMERICA HAS TOLD EMBOFFS THAT ICCS WAS REQUESTING SPACE FOR 20 PASSENGERS.

4. KULAGA SAID HE WAS HAVING MEETING WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF TEXT OF LETTER ON SUBJECT HE WOULD PRESENT TO THE TPJMC. IN THE LETTER, HE IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THE FLIGHT, CLEARANCES, INSTRUCTIONS ON FLYING PATTERNS AND "SECURITY GUARANTEES". HE INDICATED THAT THE LETTER FOLLOWS INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE TPJMC ON THE FLIGHT. POLDEL IS USING ITS OWN RADIO IN SAIGON TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN HANOI IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH DRV OFFICIALS FOR THE VISIT.

5. KULAGA DOES NOT YET HAVE DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT PL**S AND SCHEDULES IN HANOI. HE ASSUMES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY WILL*BE INVOLVED AND HE EXPECTS TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT,*PROBAB*Y IN RESPONSE TO A WEL*OMING STATEMENT, ON BEHA*F OF THE ICCS. HE DO S NOT WISH, HOWEVER, TO BE THE SPOKESMA* FOR ALL DELEGATIONS AND HOPES THAT THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HANOI OFFICIALS FOR ALL ICCS VISITORS. KULAGA SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE VISIT MIGHT PRODUCE SOME BENEFITS FOR THE ICCS BUT HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC. HE APPEARS PLEASED THAT THE HANOI VISIT IS OCCURRING DURING HIS CHAIRMANSHIP AND PERHAPS MAY TAKE SOME PRIDE IN ARRANGING THE VISIT.

6. EMBOFFS, REMINDING KULAGA OF FIASCO OF HUNGARIAN DEPFON MIN'S ABORTED VISIT TO AIGON, POINTED OUT THE DESIRABILITY OF OBTAINING GVN AGREEMENT TO THE FLIGHT, SINCE IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR THE ICCS TO LOAD UP ON THE PLANE AND BE REFUSED CLEARANCE FOR DEPARTURE. EMBOFFS SUGGESTED THE POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF A CALL BY KULAGA OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GVN FOREIGN OFFICE TO ALERT THEM TO THE INVITATION AND FLIGHT PROPOSAL. IT WOULD APPEAR BOTH PRUDENT AND NECESSARY FROM A PROTOCOL POINT OF VIEW TO INFORM THE FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTLY, NOT MERELY THROUGH THE TPJMC. KULAGA APPEARED TO AGREE TO THIS SUGGESTION, BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER AMBASSADORS.

7 COMMENT: KULAGA APPEARS CONFIDENT THAT THE GVN WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE VISIT. NONETHELESS, HE WAS MADE AWARE THAT THE GVN, AS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE, CONFIDENTIAL
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HAS ITS OWN REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO PREVENT CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT.

8. AIR AMERICA HAS INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT HANOI FLIGHT WILL COST ICCS APPROXIMATELY \$7,000. AIR AMERICA HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY BY THE POLDEL THAT ITS PLANE CAN REFUEL IN HANOI. AIR AMERICA HAS ASKED US OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN SAIGON-HANOI LIAISON FLIGHTS FOR DETAILED BRIEFINGS ON FLIGHT CONDITIONS AND APPARENTLY HAS DEFERRED FINAL AGREEMENT TO ICCS FLIGHT PENDING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NEXT LIAISON FLIGHT.

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